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SUBJECT: SOVIET JOURNALISTS DELEGATION

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1. SOVIET JOURNALISTS DELEGATION ARRIVED WASHINGTON, DC AS SCHEDULED AND IS HAVING SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM HERE. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED SEMINAR ON US CULTURE, WASHINGTON POST, WHITE HOUSE BRIEFING, FORD CAMPAIGN HQ AND MEETING AT DEPT (SEE STATE CABLE ON SOVIET RADIO/TV DEL FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON DEPT MEETING). MEMBERS APPEAR SATISFIED WITH PROGRAM AND ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT STAY IN US.

2. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE IT IS NOT ALWAYS EASY FOR EMBASSY TO MEET PERSONALLY WITH DEL MEMBERS PRIOR THEIR DEPARTURE, SUCH PERSONAL MEETINGS HELP US GREATLY IN PRIOR ARRANGEMENT OF PROGRAM IN US. AS EMBASSY AWARE, MANY ITEMS REQUESTED IN LAST MINUTE CABLE (MOSCOW 11400) WERE NOT INCLUDED IN ORIGINAL STATEMENT OF SOVDEL'S OBJECTIVES GIVEN BY UNION

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OF JOURNALISTS. REQUEST EMBASSY MAKE EVERY POSSIBLE

EFFORT MEET WITH ACTUAL MEMBERS OF SOVDEL IN FUTURE. WILL
ADVISE RE ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF SOVDEL'S PROGRAM AT END OF
DEL'S STAY IN US. KISSINGER

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